

## CLARE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Clare County, Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the Board, held at its office at 3900 East Mannsiding Road, Harrison, Michigan on January 6, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson.

Commissioners present: Karen Hulliberger, Bill Simpson, Max Schunk, Merle Harmon, and Dave Coker  
Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers; Managing Director, Dave Bondie; Superintendent, Brian Coon; Weighmaster, Cameron Letts; Temp, and Kayla Randle; Finance Director/Board Secretary

Guests present: Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident and Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and approved unanimously, it was moved to appoint Commission Karen Hulliberger as Board Chair for 2026. Roll Call Vote: Harmon, yes; Coker, yes; Hulliberger, yes; Simpson, yes; Schunk, yes. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commission Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved unanimously, it was moved to appoint Commission Bill Simpson as Board Vice-Chair for 2026. Roll Call Vote: Harmon, yes; Coker, yes; Hulliberger, yes; Simpson, yes; Schunk, yes. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes from December 2, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from January 6, 2026: AP (80740-80848), Payroll 12/8 (#54778-54788, #14914-14961), Payroll 12/23 (#54789-54799, #14962-15009), MERS and HRA's totaling \$961,361.18.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to commend the crew on all their hard work and expeditious response the last few weeks with the storms.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to state they have not met yet this year and to say thank you to the Road Commission crew.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent updated that drywall is going up in the office, the slab for the generator is being poured, and they are working on closing the roof of the mechanic shop.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to accept the 2026 IRS Mileage Rate of 72.5 cents per mile.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to adopt Policy 26-01 Snowmobile/ORV Trails as presented.

There was discussion on the property for sale just south of the Road Commission. The board would like administrative staff to contact the realtor to start discussion.

Brian Coon, Weighmaster updated that he's working with Cameron in the engineering department on the Frost Law maps as there will be a few changes. Three employees will be attending the weighmaster class next week and planning the annual trucking meeting at Harsh's garage in February.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent gave kudos to the crew, cities, and County on working together through the ice storms to keep roads open and help Consumers Energy restore power to residents.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director introduced Cameron in the engineering department, Brand Ave bridge is moving slowly. Road Commission crews will be replacing a culvert on Strawberry in Freeman Township, Franklin Township approved a three-mile project, planning a yearly Township meeting at the CTE building, and MDOT buy back program is back and we will be applying today. Dewayne also announced that our employee Victoria won Alumni of the year from Michigan Works, the Road Commission won Employer of the Year and will be going in April to accept another award.

Commissioner Hulliberger left at 8:45 am.

Commissioner Schunk mentioned that he was happy that the road commission was proactive and bought equipment for trees and radios that helped during this last storm.

Commissioner Harmon updated that he is checking on a brush complaint he received on North Scott Drive.

Commissioner Coker complimented the crew on doing a good job and had a question on the overlap with the City of Clare at Rebak way off North Clare Ave to the north Industrial Park.

Commissioner Simpson reported that he attended Redding Townships board meeting, they changed their meetings to the third Monday at 5:30pm, and that they are looking for a supervisor. He will be attending Hamilton Townships meeting and said thank you to the crew for their hard work.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

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Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

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Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson